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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FULLY-ARMORED VEHICLES - SAN SALVADOR

SAN SALVADOR FOR RSO; PANAMA FOR OIC/RTC AND RSS; FROM
A/SY/OPS/T

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1206

1. DUE TO THE AGE AND POOR MECHANICAL CONDITION OF THE TWO
SY FULLY-ARMORED VEHICLES CURRENTLY LOCATED AT SAN SALVADOR,
A/SY IS ASSIGNING A NEWER FULLY-ARMORED VEHICLE TO AMEMBASSY
SAN SALVADOR. THE VEHICLE IS A 1976 CADILLAC FLEETWOOD
BROUGHAM, FOUR DOOR TYPE-FIVE SEDAN, BLACK WITH BLACK
LEATHER INTERIOR. THE VEHICLE'S TRANSPARENT AND OPAQUE
ARMORING SYSTEMS ARE DESIGNED TO DEFEAT .30 CALIBER BALL
AMMUNITION AND LESSER BALLISTIC THREATS. THE FLOOR ARMOR-
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ING MATERIAL WILL DEFEAT M-67 HAND GRENADE AND LESSER
EXPLOSIVE THREATS. THE VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A
SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM AND A FEDERAL SIREN/PA SYSTEM PACKAGE.

2. THE ABOVE VEHICLE IS ASSIGNED FOR USE BY THE CHIEF OF
MISSION. THE RSO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLOSELY MONITORING
IT'S USE AND OPERATION. THE VEHICLE WILL REMAIN UNDER A/SY

OPERATION CONTROL AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE REASSIGNMENT SHOULD A GREATER NEED DEVELOP ELSEWHERE. RTC PANAMA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS. THE POST WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTINE FIRST ESCHOLON SERVICING.

3. VEHICLE WILL BE SHIPPED WITHOUT RADIO EQUIPMENT. POST IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH THE RESPONSIBLE RCO FOR APPROPRIATE RADIO INSTALLATION AFTER RECEIPT OF VEHICLE.

4. VEHICLE IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING PREPARATION FOR SHIPMENT TO SAN SALVADOR. VEHICLE SHOULD ARRIVE AT POST WITHIN THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR WEEKS. THE U.S. DISPATCH AGENT BALTIMORE WILL ADVISE POST OF SPECIFIC SHIPPING DATA WHEN AVAILABLE.

5. TO OBTAIN ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT OF 1975 PLYMOUTH GRAN-FURY COM VEHICLE, SUGGEST POST IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT JUSTIFICATION TO OPR/ST INDICATING CURRENT ODOMETER READING, YEARLY MAINTENANCE COST, AND POST ASSESSMENT OF VEHICLE'S CONDITION. IF JUSTIFICATION IS APPROVED, A/SY/OPS/T WILL COORDINATE WITH OPR/ST TO PROVIDE A COM VEHICLE WITH CUSTOMIZED TRANSPARENT ARMORING SYSTEM.

6. REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR THE SY FOLLOW VEHICLE ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO A/SY/OPS/T WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. ITEMS WILL BE AIR FREIGHTED TO POST. SPECIFIC SHIPPING DATA
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WILL BE ADVISED BY SEPTTEL.

7. RSO REQUEST FOR FEDERAL PAK SYSTEMS IS BEING ADDRESSED IN SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE. VANCE

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